

## PEOPLE and EVENTS

Seen, Heard and Done Among Those Who Go, Come and Tarry—Women and Society, Here and Elsewhere.

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### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

A recent issue of the Ocala Banner contains the following:

Gen. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee announce the engagement of their daughter, Annie Fitzhugh Lee, to Lieut. Lewis Brown, Jr., of the Seventh United States Cavalry. The wedding has been fixed for the 15th of February, and will be solemnized in St. Paul's Episcopal church, of Norfolk, Va. It is a matter of comment among army people that the Seventh Cavalry is Custer's old regiment, and survivors of the Civil War remember that it was frequently in action, during various Virginia campaigns with the Confederate forces commanded by Fitzhugh Lee. The General's eldest daughter, Ellen, is the wife of Captain Rhea, of that regiment, and his son, George Mason Lee, who, about a year ago, married a daughter of Gen. Geo. H. Burton, inspector general of the United States army, is a subaltern in the same crack body. Lieutenant Brown is a Rhode Island man. His fiancée is regarded by connoisseurs as the most beautiful girl in Virginia. Naturally the wedding ceremonies next month will assemble in Norfolk a brilliant delegation from the military body and representatives of the most artistic and distinguished families of the South.

General and Mrs. Lee and Miss Lee were in Ocala in 1898 en route to Cuba and they were given a large reception at the Ocala House by the people of Ocala. The above announcement will be of interest all over the South.

### THE EXCELSIOR FLINCH CLUB.

The Excelsior Flinch Club was very pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. James T. Gerrels at her pretty home on East Hill.

No special decorations were placed excepting the hostesses collection of beautiful growing ferns. The score cards were dainty red hearts with gilt arrows. The visitors present were Miss Edith Lusk and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lusk, of Chicago, and Mrs. B. F. Williams, mother of the hostess.

After the game a dainty two course luncheon was served.

### REV. H. T. JOHNSON'S RECEPTION.

The Enfalua, Ala., Times contains the following:

Thursday morning about 30 members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist Church met at the parsonage to receive the new pastor, Rev. Henry T. Johnson and family, arriving from Pensacola at 11 o'clock. Under the supervision of Mrs. John P. Foy, herself the most busy worker every room in the house was made cherry, bright and warm. The ladies were sumptuously supplied, the dining room attractive, and a tempting dinner ready to be served. When the pastor, his wife, son and two young daughters were driven to their new home, a very cordial greeting was given by all, and each one was eager to personally extend them the very warmest welcome. Mr. Johnson has long been considered one of the most able ministers in the conference. He is eloquent, learned, earnest and enthusiastic, and his flow of wit, that spices his sermons is of the highest order. Personally he is so genial that very soon every Epaulian will be his friend. His family will also be a delightful addition socially.

### A FULL DRESS EUCHE.

Miss Leah Hilburn entertained twenty-five couples in full dress at a euche Tuesday night at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike J. Hilburn, on North Spring street.

The color scheme of white and green was elaborately carried out, the young hostess herself was gowned in white and green and the same dainty combination extended throughout the refreshments.

Parlor, library and den were thrown into one spacious card room. At the close of the games it was found that Miss Pearl Bloom, of Louisville, Ky., Miss Alice Levy, Mr. Marsh Levy and Mr. Max Heineberg had captured the prizes. After enjoying a delightful pique lunch dancing was enjoyed until the early morning hours.

The visiting guests present were, Miss Stella Rosenheim, of Louisville, Ky., Miss Pearl Bloom, of Louisville, Ky., Miss Josie Barker, of Havana, Cuba, Miss Tillie Frolichstein, of Mobile, Ala., Miss Daisy Lichten, of Greenville, Ala., and Mr. Sam Bloom, of Louisville, Ky. The mother of the hostess, Mrs. Hilburn, was handsomely gowned in black chiffon.

### BRILLIANT DRESS BALL AT PROGRESS CLUB.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the brilliant full evening dress ball given last evening by the Progress Club in their elegant quarters in the opera house building.

The occasion was in honor of the visiting young ladies in the city, namely: Miss Pearl Bloom of Louisville; Miss Daisy Lichten, of Greenville, Ala.; Miss Josie Barker, of Havana; Miss Leah Hilburn, of Greenville, Miss; Miss Stella Rosenau, of Louisville.

After a most enjoyable game of euche from 8 to 10, which was participated in by the ladies in attendance, the first prize being won by Mrs. Weisman, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., dancing was indulged in until 12 o'clock, after which delicious refreshments were served. The way was gradually dispersed in the wee sma' hours of the morning, after having spent a most delightful evening. The management are to be congratulated on the successful event.

The regular monthly meeting of the Daughters of the King will be held Friday at 3:30 p. m., in the choir room of Christ church.

Mrs. J. S. McClashan of Chicago, and Miss Nanna Campbell of Rocky Park, Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. McClashan's sister, Mrs. P. D. Diamond, at Hickory Grove. They will remain in Pensacola for six weeks, after which they will make a tour of Cuba before returning north.

Mr. Edward Eve, formerly of South Carolina, but recently of Montgomery, is a registered guest at Hotel Escambia. Mr. Eve is an old friend and parishioner of Rev. Frederick Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city.

Dr. R. J. Willingham, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention, will lecture in the First Baptist church Monday night.

Mrs. McCredie, who has been visiting Miss Nellie Southerland, left on the noon train yesterday for her home in Chicago.

Mr. P. Linthum, of New York, is in the city the guest of his cousin, Mrs. C. H. Dishman. Mr. Linthum is a violinist of ability and it is to be hoped that he may be induced to appear on some of the musical programs which will be rendered during the winter.

A number of the young gentlemen of the city gave a dance at C. K. of A. hall last night. Fully sixty young people enjoyed the affair. Light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morse, of Bayonne, N. J., expected in the city within the next few days, and will spend some time here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Johnson.

### MUSICALS AT HOME OF MRS. WILMER S. HALL.

There will be a musicale at the home of Mrs. Wilmer S. Hall, 111 West La Rue street, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the benefit of the Presbyterian church.

Among those who will participate in the program are the following: Miss Barnum, Mr. Garfield, Miss Laney, Miss Mallory, Mr. Monroe, Miss Beatrice White, and Mr. P. Linthum.

Mr. Linthum, who is a visitor in the city, is a violinist of exceptional ability, and his appearance on the program will be a rare treat to lovers of good music.

Admission will be 25 cents. Feb 2

## The Journal's Daily Fashion Feature.



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## THE JOURNAL'S DAILY SHORT STORY

### The Christmas Chef.

By FRANK H. SWEET.  
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"Did you get one, John?"

Mrs. Botsford spoke eagerly, almost hysterically. Her husband drew off his gloves slowly.

"Why, yes; I brought one up, Julia, of course. I sent her round to the kitchen entrance."

"Can she cook?"

"She is neat and very nice looking," Mr. Botsford temporized defensively.

"She says she can do every kind of housework from up garret to down cellar. And she seems to be strong and willing."

"But can she cook—fancy dishes, I mean?"

Mrs. Botsford looked embarrassed.

"Well, you see, she was brought up on a farm," he explained, "and hasn't had much chance at such things. She says, however, that she had quite a reputation at home for plain, wholesome cooking, and she is willing to learn. I told her what you wanted."

Mrs. Botsford dropped upon a stool, her eyes filling.

"Oh, John," she ejaculated. "It's 11 o'clock now, and Cousin Edward's fiancée is coming at 8 o'clock to stay until Saturday, and she and Edward and some of her people will be here for Christmas dinner tomorrow, and you know I have never seen the girl nor any of them. We must have things nice. The girl's worth a clear million in her own right. Oh, John, why need our cook get sick at such a time, and—"

Mrs. Botsford was becoming incoherent and seemed to recognize the fact herself, for she stopped suddenly. But John nodded comprehendingly.

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"If you are as nice to Miss Lenox as you are to me," she smiled, "I think she will like you. Now you may leave me in charge. I will do the best I can."

Mrs. Botsford returned to the drawing room, rubbing her forehead thoughtfully.

"What's the matter, Julia," her husband asked, "another headache?"

"No," doubtfully. "That's where the chef kissed me. I never had a girl kiss me as soon before. But I don't care, if only she diffuses her artist soul through the cooking. She has an artist soul, John. I saw it in her eyes."

At 3 o'clock she was again at the window, but there was no carriage in sight. Two minutes later the telephone rang. She did not call Mr. Botsford this time, but went to the telephone herself.

"What's that you say?" she questioned presently, leaning forward as though in that attitude she could make the receiver at her ear more intelligible. "Can't come? Why, that's too bad! But you will be here tomorrow, of course? What? Will send note. Yes. Well, come just as early as you can."

An hour later the note came. Mrs. Botsford read it with a perplexed face, then passed it to her husband.

"I didn't know she spelled her name that way, John," she said, "though of course we never saw it spelled out. One can never tell much from pronunciation. And—and I'm afraid she's not so well educated as we thought. She comes from the west, you know, and lots of families get rich quickly out there. And, of course, a lover's opinion isn't always reliable. Poor Edward!"

Mr. Botsford nodded vaguely and opened the note, which read:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Botsford—Sorry I cannot come according to agreement. Imperative summons elsewhere. Will see you tomorrow. Faithfully, etc.

M. LEBRONOCKS.

"Rather abrupt for good form, isn't it?" queried Mr. Botsford. "And doesn't there seem a suggestion of Polish among the ancestors, or is it German, or Irish? The combination might masquerade almost any nationality that's foreign. But never mind, Julia. We must be as nice to her as we can for Edward's sake."

At 9 o'clock that night, after the palms and mistletoe and holly had arrived and been arranged in the various rooms to their satisfaction, Sarah suddenly burst upon them with face full of consternation.

"The chef!" she gasped. "Didn't ye say she was goin' to stay to-morrow night?"

"Certainly. Why?"

"Because she's gone—left entirely. I was at the range watchin' the turkey, an' she come in with her hat on an' said that everything was all ready, so I could attend to it now. An' she left this note for ye."

"But why did she go?" gasped Mrs. Botsford. "I thought—"

"She said everything was all ready," Sarah repeated stolidly, "an' that I could attend to it now. There," as a clear car tinkle sounded outside, "that's her car startin' now. She said she wanted to catch the 9 o'clock."

Mrs. Botsford opened the note with trembling fingers. As she read she frowned, looked mortified, laughed and finally passed the note to her husband, with shining eyes. "She's all right," was her only comment.

The note read:

Dear Mrs. Botsford—You really must forgive me. I had an errand downtown, and so called at your house an hour earlier than I intended, thinking I would stop there awhile, and then perhaps you and I would do the errand together. A sight of your lovely chrysanthemums drew me straight through the gate to the side entrance; then you opened the door, and some way we drifted into the kitchen before I quite realized what I was doing. Then your strains and a remembrance of former triumphs conspired to do the rest. I really do love cooking and have taken a lot of courses in special things. I think I have excelled myself this time and believe you will be satisfied with the result. Sarah and the chamber girl can manage the rest very nicely. I shall do my errand now and will stay with my aunt at the Marlborough tonight. It will be more convenient. You may expect us quite early tomorrow morning. Lovingly, MARGUERITE LENOX.

"Oh, my dear," she cried, without giving the chef an opportunity to speak, "you don't know how glad I am to see you. I will take you right into the kitchen, and Sarah will show you where everything is. I am so glad. I shall not make a suggestion, for I see you are perfectly capable and can do it in your own way. Only do make it just as—comprehensive as you can. Miss Lenox is accustomed to everything, and—and I want to make her like me so much and to please Edward."

She had been hurrying the chef through the hall toward the kitchen, half laughing, half crying, but wholly joyous and anticipative. At the door to her surprise and almost consternation, the chef suddenly bent forward, pressing a light kiss upon her forehead.

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